(d) whether the additional or more funds would be allocated to speed up its progress in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) The work of gauge conversion of Chhindwara-Nagpur (149.52 kms) was included in the Budget 2005-06 at an anticipated cost of Rs. 383.79 crore.

(b) An outlay of Rs. 45 crore has been provided for the project during 2006-07. The actual expenditure incurred on this project during the current financial year will be known once the accounts are finalized after the end of the current financial year.

(c) No target date of completion has yet been fixed.

(d) An outlay of Rs. 70 crore has been proposed for the project in the Budget 2007-08.

Ahmedabad-Udaipur Railway line

1296. SHRI JAYANTILAL BAROT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the gauge conversion work between Ahmedabad and Udaipur would be started;

(b) whether there is any budget provision in Railways budget for this project; and

(c whether it is possible to accord priority to this section by Railways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) This is not a sanctioned project.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Doubling of Shoranur-Mangalore railway line

1297. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the doubling of the railway line between Shoranur-Mangalore section has been delayed due to contractual failures; and